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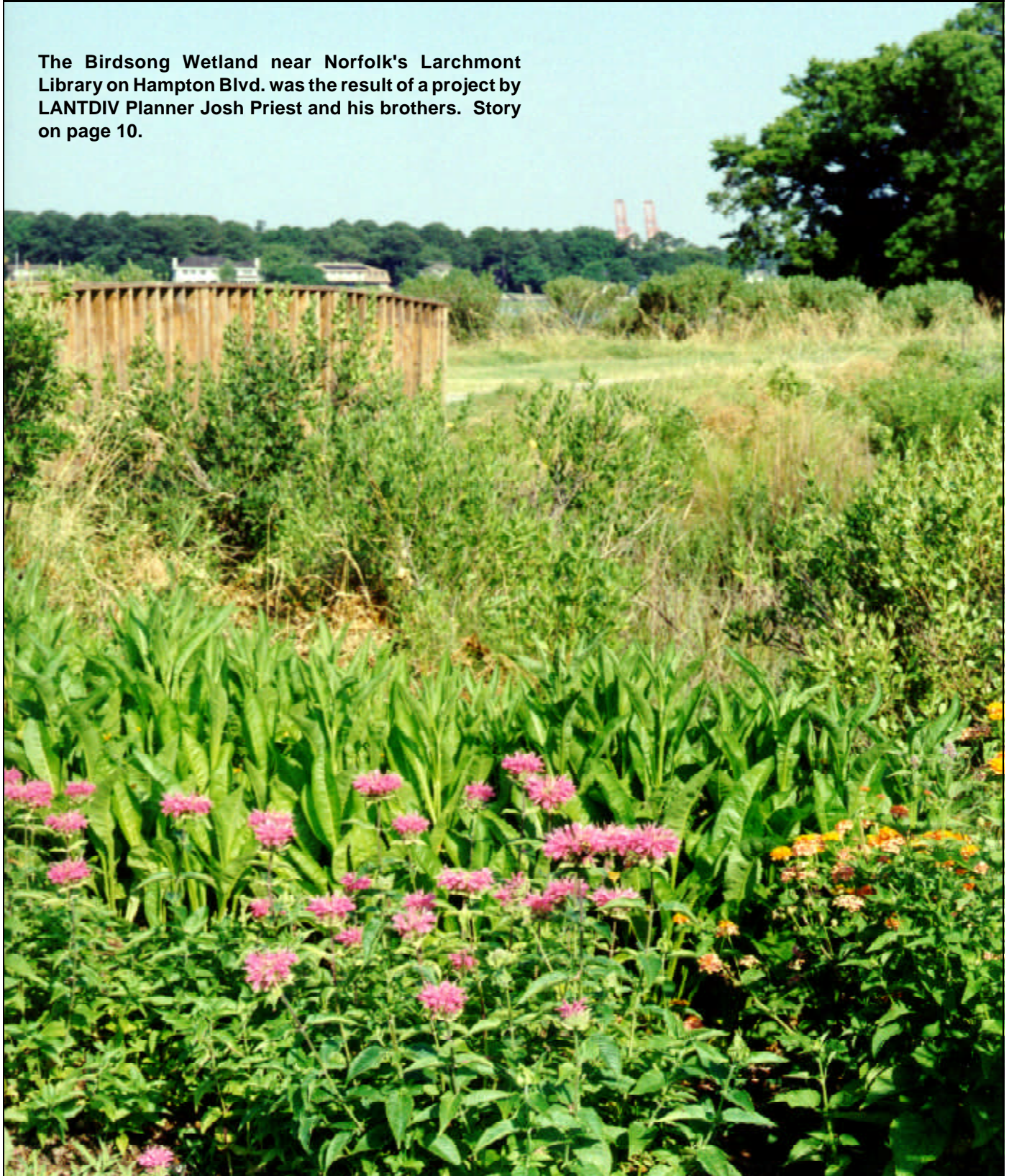
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The Birdsong Wetland near Norfolk's Larchmont Library on Hampton Blvd. was the result of a project by LANTDIV Planner Josh Priest and his brothers. Story on page 10.



Navy shifts Family Housing function from NAVFAC to fleets and NAVEUR

Big changes are ahead for Housing in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command's engineering field divisions (EFDs). In December, the Shore Installation Programming Board (SIPB) voted to move the Navy Family Housing function from NAVFAC EFDs to the Installation Major Claimants (IMC) and NAVFAC Headquarters.

This recommendation grew out of the Functionality Assessment (FA) study that was targeted at eliminating duplication, multiple handoffs, streamlining processes and better aligning resources with mission. At

the same time, the SIPB voted to reduce the number of IMCs involved in FHN from ten to five. Navy leadership further reduced the number of IMCs to three: Atlantic Fleet, Pacific Fleet and Naval Forces Europe.

Family Housing staffs currently located at LANTDIV, PACDIV and SOUTHDIV will be dispersed to these three claimants and NAVFAC Headquarters. Funds to support the program will be realigned from NAVFAC to the claimants in October 2002. However, it will take longer to physically move the EFD Housing personnel. Initial projections indicate

all Family Housing personnel to be in place at the Claimants and Regions by the end of FY-03. The impact of these changes on the Bachelor Housing staff is under review.

"The current EFD Housing management structure has been in place since the late 1970s so this represents a major change to the way we do business," Rear Adm. Bob Phillips said. "Our Housing staff has been a valuable part of the LANTDIV Team and together we have made significant progress on improving the quality of life for military members and their families."

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It's now General McLaren



LANTDIV HQ—There will be another Flag Officer around LANTDIV HQ, but don't look for him in uniform.

In April, John McLaren, a Supervisory General Engineer in Division Operations, was selected for promotion to Brigadier General in the U.S. Army Reserve. Currently commander of the Training Support Brigade, 80th Division, he will be assigned as Assistant Division Commander, 80th Division (Institutional Training), in Richmond, Va.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Military Institute in 1974 and served on active duty until May 1978 when he began work at the Atlantic Division. He also earned a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College and is a registered Professional Engineer.

In the photo, Gary Mackey, left, Deputy Headquarters Operations Officer, presents John with a cake to celebrate the occasion.

Midway Manor earns design award

LANTDIV HQ—Midway Manor family housing received an award for renovation and redevelopment April 10, one of 15 design awards presented by the City of Virginia Beach Planning Commission to formally recognize creative and innovative design for development.

The \$34 million project, completed earlier this year, replaced the former Carper Apartments, which were demolished in 1996. Midway Manor follows Navy Neighborhoods of Excellence standards including open space, playgrounds, sidewalks, landscaping and many amenities in the attractive houses.

"With a project of this size and nature, there are many major players that pulled together as a team to produce such a fine and outstanding neighborhood like Midway Manor, both for the Navy and the City of Virginia Beach," said Frank Bowen, deputy



design director.

The design was a team effort among the Atlantic Division, Hunt Building Corp. (design/build contractor), HBA architects (architecture engineering and interior design), and Oliver, Webb, Pappas and Rhudy (site designer).

The LANTDIV team included

Architect in Charge Jim Affeldt, landscape architect John Blackburn, project managers Pete Wright and Debbie Bryant, AROICC John Trueblood, and Family Housing's Betty Bates. Representing LANTDIV at the ceremony were Frank Bowen, John Blackburn, Jim Affeldt and John Trueblood.

EFA Med employee earns CNO environmental award for work at Naples Public Works

EFA MED (NNS) — Giuseppe Damiano is the recipient of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) environmental quality overseas individual award for 2001. This award recognizes individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to environmental quality management at overseas installations. The CNO awards various installations, commands and individuals environmental quality awards every year.

Currently, Damiano is an environmental engineer for Engineering Field Activity Mediterranean (EFA Med) but was selected as an individual award winner while he was working for Naval Support Activity Naples Public Works Environmental Department.

While at Public Works, Damiano worked closely with hazardous waste



Damiano

managers to implement environmental procedures for the installation. He said the procedures and regulations had not been updated since 1994. Damiano was also a liaison between the Capodichino installation and the Italian base command, which owns the land on which the Navy base sits, to make sure the U.S. Navy was complying with host nation

environmental regulations.

He said one of the projects he helped implement was to place "waste registers" or log books at each of the various installations that would be used to track and record the amounts of hazardous waste material that was stored and moved from each site.

Damiano said he was notified of the award after he had left Public Works and it was a complete surprise. "It was very appreciated and was very unexpected," Damiano said.

"I think this award recognizes the results of several initiatives for implementing the U.S. Navy Environmental program at NSA Naples, which have been successful, thanks to the support and hard work by my supervisors and co-workers," said Damiano.

(Photo courtesy NSA Public Affairs Office, Naples, Italy)

Raines relieves Zorica at Northeast

By Jessica L. Moskowitz

EFA NORTHEAST—Captain Robert B. Raines, CEC, USN, relieved Captain Joseph W. Zorica, CEC, USN, as Commanding Officer of Engineering Field Activity (EFA) Northeast on Friday, June 28. The Change of Command and retirement ceremony was held at EFA Northeast headquarters in Lester, Pa. Captain Zorica, who has lead EFA Northeast since July 1999, retired from the Navy after more than 26 years of service.

"The accomplishments for which I was recognized today belong to the men and women of EFA Northeast", Captain Zorica said during the ceremony which honored his retirement and passing of authority. "You are fortunate to have Capt. Raines as the next Commanding Officer to meet the challenge of recapitalizing our bases in the Northeast."

"Captain Zorica was at the Northeast helm during a period of dynamic change – for the command, the Northeast Region, and the Navy shore establishment," Rear Adm. Phillips said. "He guided this command through a dramatic restructuring that reshaped the organization to meet the needs of the Navy in the Northeast far into the 21st century. He set an example of leadership at its finest. He coached the team and knocked down barriers."

"My time at Northeast was marked by the three Rs: reorganization, restructuring and reengineering," Capt. Zorica added. "I worried a lot about having to let good people go, but I never lost sleep about getting the work done. You survived downsizing and are thriving today. You displayed a spirit and determination not to give up."

Captain Raines, a native of the Bronx, N.Y. graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He also earned a master's degree in Civil Engineering and Construction Management from Stanford University in 1987. Prior to being appointed Commanding Officer at EFA



Rear Admiral Robert Phillips, left, presents the Legion of Merit to Captain Joe Zorica during the Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony at EFA Northeast June 28.

Northeast, Capt. Raines was Public Works Officer at the Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy. He is married to the former Katherine Freer of Bedford, Pa. They have two sons, Jonathan and Nicholas.

"Today we are at war with a new enemy and our mission has never been more vital to our nation and its defense," Captain Raines proclaimed as the newly appointed Commanding Officer at EFA Northeast. "The Chief of Naval Operations has promised to rebuild the Navy's shore infrastructure. Looking around the Northeast, there is a lot of work to do. There is no finer group of professionals I would want to meet these challenges with."

"I'm honored once again to be a member of this team, Capt. Raines said, reflecting on his previous tours in New London. "Capt. Zorica leaves a legacy of accomplishment and a strong basis to build upon."

Atlantic Division Commander Rear Adm. Robert Phillips, guest speaker for the ceremony,

commented on the integrity of both Captains Zorica and Raines. "These are two officers I'd be proud to serve with anywhere and any time," he said.

The admiral told Capt. Raines, "You take over an agile and efficient organization, deep with talent."

"To the EFA Northeast team, thanks for never giving up, for being good at making do with less, and for making us proud every day," Rear Adm. Phillips added.

EFA Northeast provides facilities engineering, design and construction; environmental engineering, and facilities management support for Navy and Marine Corps activities in a ten-state area from Delaware north to Maine. The activity traces its roots to establishment of the Bureau of Naval Yards and Docks (BUDOCKS) on Aug. 31, 1842. In 1912 the East Central Division BUDOCKS was established to expand support being provided by the Philadelphia Navy Yard Public Works Dept. to other activities in the Fourth Naval District.

EFA Northeast work at Air Force depot earns Energy Department award

EFA NE—A year ago, Hill AFB in Ogden, Utah instituted the Base Energy Conservation Award to honor organizations that have found innovative and effective ways to reduce energy consumption.

"These awards are a way to recognize organizations that are conserving energy," said base utility manager Dave Abbott.

The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) won the award this year by replacing its mechanical cooling systems with high efficiency units, saving 86,400 kilowatt-hours per month resulting in an 11 percent reduction in energy usage, even while the project has been underway.

DISA contracted work for this project through the Engineering Field Activity Northeast, which worked on the design and installation of the chillers, chilled water loop and Energy Monitoring Control System. DISA chose EFA Northeast for the work due to its success on a similar project for DISA in Mechanicsburg, Pa. EFA NE selected Mechanical Services and Systems, Inc. in Midvale, Utah as the prime contractor.

"Everyone on this team did an outstanding quality job and provided the highest level of expertise," said Paul Johnson, DISA Facility Engineering Analyst. "They were able to lay pipe under the computer floor without jeopardizing computer support services."

On April 25 the U.S. Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) notified DISA that the Ogden, Utah project was selected to receive a Federal Energy Saver Showcase designation for Fiscal Year 2002.

The cost for the project is \$4 million and Johnson predicts the new equipment will save \$250,000 a year in electricity alone. The environmentally friendly Freon used in the cooling equipment also exceeds current Environmental Protection Agency standards.

"This project was accomplished



The EFA Northeast DISA Team, with Capt. Joe Zorica, EFA NE CO, included Mark R. Wolfe, David D. Smith, Irene Katacinski, William Ganter, Carl Hutchinson, LT John Zambrano, Steven J. Armenia and Vincent Martucci (absent).

while maintaining redundancy and avoiding a power outage or environmental interruptions, which means our mission was never in jeopardy. Each minute of an unscheduled power outage could result in millions of dollars worth of damage and loss of service," Johnson said. "The computer support equipment is hooked up to a monitor and control system that makes it possible for us to monitor the building

from our desk or remotely to make sure it is operating at maximum efficiency."

"This is our third energy conservation effort since 1996 and this project has taken us four years to fruition. I had a vision and a plan, but it took an entire team of conscientious and competent individuals to improve upon it, and provide a reliable and successful end product," he said. *(From Hill Top Times, Hill AFB, Utah)*

Vieques team earns CNO environmental planning award

WASHINGTON, DC--The Commander, Navy Region Southeast team working in support of naval training activities on Vieques won a Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Planning Team Award for 2001.

Atlantic Division members on the team include David Shepherd, David Noble, Deanna Rees, Dave James, Dan Cecchini and Bob Waldo.

"Congratulations are in order for this recognition that is so richly deserved," said Capt. Michael Conaway, Vice Commander. "It's nice to see your individual and collective hard work have been recognized."

The Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Awards recognize ships, installations, and individuals or teams, for their exceptional environmental stewardship.

Big celebration opens fitness center

ROICC SEWELLS POINT—The \$9.4 million Waterfront Athletic Complex (WAC), Bldg. Q-80, opened at Naval Station Norfolk May 28. This LANTDIV-designed facility is a state-of-the-art comprehensive wellness and fitness center for Sailors on ships at the Norfolk waterfront.

The facility includes programs and amenities such as strength, circuit and cardio-vascular equipment, fitness/wellness evaluations, group exercise room, basketball courts, volleyball courts, racquetball courts, an indoor running track, an indoor pool, locker rooms, outdoor patio and sun decks, outdoor basketball, tennis and multipurpose courts. It is the fourth athletic and fitness facility on the base.

The second floor of the 7,500 sq. ft. facility includes a recreation center with an internet café, movie theater, televisions, pool tables, music room, video game room, a Fleet and Family Service Center and coin operated laundry facilities.

It is the result of a strong partnership among Naval Station Norfolk Morale Welfare and Recreation, the Program Manager for



The Waterfront Athletic Complex at Naval Station Norfolk

Support Services, the Atlantic Division and Chianelli Building Corp.

"This is the Navy's newest and best recreation facility that sets a new standard for our Sailors," said Capt. George Slaven, Commanding Officer Naval Support Activity Norfolk. "There was nothing like this in the Navy when I joined."

"It is a concrete example of the Navy's commitment to quality of life

for its people," echoed Capt. Joseph Bouchard, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Norfolk. "Our fleet Sailors will benefit from the hard work of everyone who touched this project."

Also on the program were former Congressman Owen Pickett and Second District Congressman Ed Schrock.

Architects Melissa Ayres and Tom Dinwiddie lead the LANTDIV Design Team, which included 40 design engineers, planners, project managers, and contracts specialists. Paul Bull and Scott Davis were the AROICCs and Glen Ames and Jim Hewitt were the Construction Representatives.



Part of the LANTDIV team that designed and built the Waterfront Athletic Complex.



The main floor of the WAC contains tons of fitness equipment. The second floor features a recreation center and MWR offices.

EFA Atlantic reservists take on AT/FP projects at Atlantic Fleet bases

LANTDIV HQ--In October 2001 the Atlantic Division recalled three reserve Civil Engineer Corps officers for one year to manage construction of anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) projects at Atlantic Fleet bases. Five additional officers were recalled in December 2001.

Three officers were assigned to Southern Division in Charleston, S.C., two at LANTDIV Hq. in Norfolk, two at Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake and one at EFA Northeast.

The AT/FP projects involved installing 86 pier sentry guard shelters and 99 gate vehicle barriers at 19 sites along the East and Gulf Coasts, Puerto Rico and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The project also included vehicle inspection shelters at bases in the northeast where inclement weather is an issue.

The pier shelters are aluminum frame structures, providing air-conditioned enclosed space for sentries. Five of the shelters are mounted on aluminum frame towers approximately 15 feet high, to provide improved visibility of the search area. LANTDIV's Contingency Construction Capabilities (CONCAP) contractor, Brown & Root Services, is doing the work, except at Guantanamo Bay, where Seabees are erecting the pier shelters.

"As Project Manager, I was tasked with coordinating all change orders, oversight of the schedule and funding requirements," said Commander Jay Larry. "As the contract progressed I updated the schedule, coordinated sub-contractors and provided daily updates to the chain-of-command," he said.

In December, LANTDIV was tasked with designing and building temporary and long-term detention facilities for detainees from Afghanistan, at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Commander Larry and Cmdr. Mike Moskowitz both augmented the LANTDIV contingent in Guantanamo. Seabees, under the



Commander Jay Larry gives a final inspection to a pier shelter at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown. (Photo by JO1 Tania Varner, NWS Yorktown Public Affairs)

22d Naval Construction Regiment, built the temporary detention facility and all support facilities. The CONCAP contractor built two long-

term facilities.

Three of the officers are in the process of being demobilized and returning home.

The reservists and their assignments are as follows:

Cmdr. Mike Moskowitz, LANTDIV

Cmdr. Jay Larry, LANTDIV

Cmdr. David Adams, LANTDIV

(Transferred to EFA Ches in Feb.)

Cmdr. Stuart Manning (EFA Ches)

Cmdr. Alden Perry (SOUTHDIV HQ)

Cmdr. Ken Rimmey (EFA NE)

Lt. Cmdr. Bill Howe (EFA SE)

Lt. Cmdr. Chris Buziak, ROICC Pensacola

BQ renovations make quality of life improvements at Naval Station Rota

By PH1 (AW) Ron Heppner

Naval Station Rota Public Affairs ROICC ROTA (NNS) — Renovations over the past five years to the base bachelor officer quarters (BOQ), chief petty officer quarters (CPOQ) and bachelor enlisted quarters (BEQ) have greatly increased the quality of life for single, unaccompanied and transient personnel at Naval Station, Rota.

According to Roger Loechel, combined bachelor quarter's officer, the funding and planning for the renovations came from quality-of-life concerns raised in the early 1990s.

"The Chief of Naval Operations at the time, Adm. Jeremy Borda, tasked Adm. Roberta Hazard with finding out what would improve Sailors' lives the most," said Loechel. "The overwhelming response was that Sailors wanted their own rooms, even if it meant less living space; the surveys showed that Sailors also wanted privacy."

The existing structure of the buildings was a big factor in the design of the new quarters. The weight-bearing support pillars dictated, to a certain extent, the way the new rooms

were designed.

"We didn't want to have pillars in the middle of rooms, so the designers planned for the pillars to be built into corners or closets," said Loechel.

When the last of 10 buildings is finished, the cost of the renovations will have totaled \$15 million, bringing the old barracks into conformity with current Department of Defense standards that dictate one person to a room occupancy with a bathroom shared between two rooms.

With the upgrades, most rooms also have kitchen and laundry facilities shared between two rooms. The exception is that some of the rooms for E-6s are larger, but without cooking and laundry facilities, although there are cooking and laundry facilities for use of all residents in each building. Standards for each room include phone and cable TV jacks, and each resident has control over his or her climate with individual air conditioning and heating units.

Oddly enough, after the change from multi-person rooms to one-person rooms, the overall capacity of all the buildings has gone from 860

beds to 864 beds.

"The residents are happy with the rooms; from time to time we post memos on the doors asking for volunteers to move out into the economy, but we don't get very many takers," said Loechel.

Rota was the first Navy base in the European theater to place a check-in desk at the terminal. The terminal desk can take care of about 96 percent of single housing needs, reducing the time it takes to get a sleepy, disoriented service member just off a flight settled into a room.

The transient facility, which used to be a laundry facility, was quickly outfitted at the beginning of the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. The facility is strictly for contingencies of troops who, during transport, are stuck in Rota for one reason or another. The facility is mainly open-bay, it features a couple of officer rooms, but it is much better alternative than spending the night in the terminal or on the flight line. The facility also has a lounge with 10 telephones and 10 computers, with Internet access for travelers' convenience.

Start



Finish



Italian military engineer visits LANTDIV

LANTDIV HQ —Italian Rear Admiral Roberto Frascaro, Deputy Chief of the 4th Department of the Italian Defense General Staff, visited Atlantic Division Headquarters in May as part of a familiarization tour of U.S. Navy activities in the United States. In his position on the General Staff he works with the Italian-U.S. Mixed Commission, which reviews all U.S. military construction in Italy.

In Norfolk he received a briefing on the Atlantic Division's mission by Vice Commander Capt. Mike Conaway, toured construction projects at Naval Station Norfolk, and toured the aircraft carrier USS GEORGE WASHINGTON. Rear Adm. Frascaro is a naval aviator who completed flight training at NAS Pensacola in 1974. He flew an F/A-18 simulator at NAS Oceana and also toured construction projects there.



Rear Adm. Frascaro and his party tour the recently completed hush house at NAS Oceana.

Ribbon cuttings



ROICC New Jersey--Congressman Christopher H. Smith, center, and Naval Air Systems Command officials cut the ribbon on an Aircraft Platform Interface Facility at Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, N.J. June 17. This design-build project consolidates fourteen separate laboratories, haphazardly located in adjacent hangars. Equipment moves will take place between June 24 and Aug. 6. The \$13.5 million project was awarded to STV Design and BORO Construction in March 2000. Lt. Cmdr. John Ellwood and Lt. Dan Grippo were the AROICCs and Pat Carney and Keith McDonough were the ConReps.



ROICC AVIANO—Air Force and Italian officials cut the ribbon opening the first of four three-story dormitory buildings with a planned capacity of 408 personnel. Each building has two wings, separated by a central receiving area. Left to Right: Brigadier General Donald Hoffman, 31st Fighter Wing commander, the Italian Commander for Aviano AB, Col. Rosario Scarpolini and the United States Ambassador to Italy the Honorable Melvin Sembler. The contract for the \$20.7 million project was awarded in May 1999 with completion scheduled in Nov. 2002. AROICC is Lt. Cmdr. Scot Sanders and the CONREP is Maurizio Zorat. (Photo by Senior Airman Lakisha Croley)

Former eyesore now a success story

By Jessica L. Moskowitz

LANTDIV HQ—A small cove located along the Lafayette River is home today to beautiful shore birds, fish, crabs, oysters and a flourishing wetland. Less than ten years ago, this same one-acre spot, behind the Larchmont Library in Norfolk, was a community eyesore in need of environmental restoration. Josh Priest, a facilities planner in LANTDIV Base Development at the Lafayette River Complex, was determined to revive the damaged shoreline cove he and his two brothers grew up near. Together, the brothers triggered a mission to restore the un-maintained shoreline setting into one, which would naturally prevent pollution, flooding and erosion as well as create a flourishing wetland to attract wildlife and visitors. This determination combined with the support of the Elizabeth River Project and the city of Norfolk yielded what we know of as the Birdsong Wetlands.

In the early 1900s, a great-uncle of Josh and his brothers helped to develop Larchmont. What was considered prime technology then, is what the Priest brothers sought to reverse through the Birdsong Wetland restoration project. By 1997, after four years of planning and fundraising, the \$100,000 project was in full swing to replace crumbling concrete bulkheads with wetland grasses. The unsightly bulkheads, retaining walls to hold back shoreline earth, were found to be unsuccessful in preventing flooding, pollution and shoreline erosion when compared to the natural powers of a wetland – thus the Birdsong Wetland was born. It was dedicated in memory of the late Ray S. Birdsong, a marine biology professor at ODU who was involved in the first stages of the project. Birdsong died in January of 1995.

Since the project officially went under way, aptly commemorating the 27th Anniversary of Earth Day, the Birdsong Wetland has prospered through the combined efforts of local organizations and groups who have helped to maintain and enhance its



Josh Priest, a facilities planner at the Lafayette River Complex, stands in front of the Birdsong Wetland behind the Larchmont Library in Norfolk. The floating mat behind him holds young oysters. Once mature, the oysters will be transplanted to populate the oyster reef further into the Lafayette river, where they will benefit the wetland by filtering water and improving water quality.

natural beauty.

"Church groups, civic groups and boy-scouts have all been involved in maintaining [the area]. They've been very helpful," Josh Priest said.

Josh's office overlooks the scenic Birdsong Wetland off Hampton Boulevard where the public is welcome to stroll through the area along a stone path and over a wooden bridge built by the city of Norfolk.

"It's pretty gratifying...I look out the window and see people rolling their children around in strollers, old folks taking a walk and people cutting through to look."

Recently the Biology Graduate Student Organization (BGSO) of ODU has adopted the wetland area to take advantage of the "living laboratory" it offers. They will also be contributing to the preservation of the wetland through their participation in the Adopt-a-Spot program. As participants of this program, BGSO is required to perform at least four litter clean-ups per year and record the amount of refuse collected. The group has worked closely with the Elizabeth River Project in planting and maintaining

trees and plants.

Being the first field development for the Elizabeth River Project, the Birdsong Wetland has created an inspirational and successful prototype in reviving the stressed Elizabeth River shorelines. Since WWII, the Elizabeth River has lost 50 percent of its tidal wetlands to roadways and construction. This reduction of natural wetlands prevents them from doing their job of filtering trash, mud and polluted storm water runoff before it reaches the river. The success of the Birdsong Wetland restoration has inspired a string of wetlands to be created along the shores. However, persuading the community to do the same may be a more difficult task.

"As far as putting the ideas in the heads of homeowners, I think that's gonna take a little time," Josh said. "It's more of an evolutionary mind set change."

To get involved with or learn more about restoring a wetland in your area, you can contact the Elizabeth River Project at 625-3648, or visit the organization's website at www.elizabethriver.org.

Observer Profile: *Becky Jones*

Whether it's a new stapler, folders, writing utensils or a special type of paper, see Supply Clerk Becky Jones. Becky spends her workday making sure everything needed to ensure a convenient workspace is right at your fingertips. When it comes to keeping LANTDIV employees supplied, she has operated as the "middle woman" between vendors and customers for more than 13 years. When Becky's not on the job in supply, she's happy spending time with her family.

Job Description / Responsibilities: Order, receive, ship, stock, inventory and dispose of supplies and material. Keep the warehouse stocked and clean. Complete and file necessary paperwork. Work with customers and vendors.

Time with LANTDIV: 13 years

What I love about my job: Everything!

Hometown / Current Residence: Norfolk

Prior Civilian Experience: Apprenticeship for hair, daycare

Person I admire or who has most influenced me: My Mother

People don't know that I... would love to jump out of an airplane.

Hobbies / Interests: Tae bo, running, hiking, dancing, animals, cooking, reading women's magazines, working in the garden and spending time with my family

Favorite Music: Jazz

Favorite Author: Jackie Collins

Favorite Movies: E.T., Love Story, The Green Mile

Favorite TV Shows: Emeril Live, The Baby Story, Lifetime, Wheel of Fortune

Pet Peeve: I hate it when people hit animals and leave them in the road.

If I could change one thing about myself it would be my age so I could have two more kids.

Additional Comments: I am so happy that I have a big and wonderful family. I have a wonderful husband and two sons. Finishing the Marine Corps Marathon with my sister was a real thrill.



Airfield lighting upgraded at Aviano

By Jim Weslowski

16th AF/PMO Public Affairs

ROICC Aviano—United States military pilots fly operational and training sorties, while maintenance and support crews launch and recover aircraft. But without the best available airfield lighting for Aviano Air Base, Italy, they will all be left in the dark when it comes time to land at night. A \$3.5 million airfield lighting system restoration is underway at Aviano.

"The old airfield lighting system would have continued to deteriorate, flight line safety at night would have been compromised and the risk to personnel and ground support systems would have increased if this long-term solution were not implemented," said Bill Crone, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction project engineer.

"In March, the contractor, GEMMO, started replacing aging airfield lighting cabling, connection boxes and fixtures in Tower Loop East and recently started the replacement work in the

Zulu Loop," said Master Sgt. Courtney Davis, 31st Operations Support Squadron airfield manager. "Because of flight line safety issues associated with the close proximity to the active runway, the contractor's work schedule and progress is restricted. We moved all the aircraft from the loops and are required to escort the contractor's work crews and equipment daily. The work has to be on schedule because our aircraft will need to use the taxi ways and return to the parking areas soon."

"The airfield is slated for closure from mid-September to the first of November to complete the replacement of the runway lights and replace the 23-end concrete. The October time frame is when the bulk of the airfield lighting replacement project will take place," said Mike Bellamy, ROICC chief engineer.

"Part of the Aviano 2000 project involves replacing the entire airfield lighting control system," said Aleksander Andrzejewski, 16th AF Program Management Office. "A 1998

U.S. Air Forces Europe Civil Engineering site visit report noted the airfield lights to be in excess of 20 years old. Replacement and repair parts do not exist or are difficult to get."

"The system continues to deteriorate and is experiencing outages in higher frequency," added Andrzejewski. "Installing the new system with today's technology will give pilots and ground crews a safe and repairable landing system for decades. The airfield lighting system replacement project will provide a reliable, minimally maintained power distribution system that is easily accessible for service or in the event of a catastrophic lightning strike."

"The new recessed lighting system will provide reliable ground control of aircraft and enhance safety of ground operations," said Andrzejewski. "Aircraft attempting to land or take-off at night or in poor weather conditions will have a modern, reliable system that meets U.S. Air Force, FAA and NATO standards."

Program Analysts meet and learn

LANTDIV HQ—The Atlantic Division hosted a Program Analyst Conference May 7-9 at the Founder's Inn in Virginia Beach. While this Conference originally was slated for LANTDIV Program Analysts, NAVFAC-wide interest turned this initiative into a NAVFAC Conference with LANTDIV being the host and Theresa Petitt of Capital Improvements as the Coordinator. The 80 attendees were from LANTDIV, Southern Division, EFA Northeast, EFA Chesapeake, EFA Mediterranean, Southwest Division, Pacific Division, Navy Crane Center and NAVFAC Headquarters.

John Stock opened the conference addressing the group on Program Analyst Community Management while Phil Bolton addressed the group from a Capital Improvements standpoint. Following presentations included Linda Hicks, NAVFAC HQ, who addressed Headquarters Execution Issues; MCON Construction and Design Funds; Under-funded Position and



Frawn Cherry and Cecilia Muhammed from EFA Chesapeake.

Program Analysts Corporate importance. Theresa Petitt addressed end-of-year funding drills, Split-Year

Funding; MILCON Defense; Project Closeout; ACWE Letters, Escalations and Reprogramming with Frank Annunziata addressing Guidance on the Administration of Appropriations and Claims and Judgments.

The second day, Ken Hutchinson and Brian McCune from NAVFAC CIO, demonstrated leFacman for the group with George Malamos following up with the Atlantic Division leFacman Deployment Team initiatives. Phil Williams and Steve Geusic addressed Program B and Project Job Order Numbers on Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday, Dale Small of FM3 addressed the group on issues such as RAP Reprogramming Actions for EDM/FDM; DOD & SECNAV direction regarding commitment/obligation reviews, Within Scope Change Orders; Advisory and Assistance Services (CAAS); Economy Act; Expense Elements; Object Classification Codes; Product and Services Codes; Funding Documents and Their Use.

LANTDIV HQ staff members who made the conference a success were Theresa Petitt, Karen Christian, Sharon Wheeler, Artie Mock, Michelle Lee, Dale Harris, Phil Williams and Steve Geusic.

Restoration Employees of the Year



NFESC—The Restoration Employees of the Year were recognized in February during the Navy and Marine Corps Environmental Cleanup Conference at the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center. From left to right are Antonio Tactay, EFA West; Robert Nash, NFESC; Nick Ugolini, Southern Division; Edward Boyle, EFA Northeast; Andrew Gutberlet, EFA Chesapeake; Jerry Dunaway, Southwest Division; and Tim Reisch, Atlantic Division.

NE team tackles Direct Cite process

EFA NORTHEAST—Direct Cite is a Naval Facilities Engineering Command initiative to improve the responsiveness and quality of Facilities Services Contracting (FSC) by establishing common FSC business processes throughout NAVFAC and aligning client funding with FSC acquisition authority. This change to past business practices is having a significant impact on operations throughout the Atlantic Division and other EFDs and EFAs.

"We estimate it will shift several work years of effort from the Public Works Center to EFA Northeast," said Cmdr. Bob Morro, EFA NE Operations Officer. "To manage the resource impact we established a team of key players to review the changes and create the most efficient processes," he explained.

NAVFAC's initial focus is on locations where Public Works Centers requested and accepted client funding, then provided a consolidated funding document to the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC) for contract award. Clients are now requested to provide full contract funding directly to the ROICC/NAVFAC contracting office.

Direct Cite is being implemented in conjunction with four different but



related issues: direct citing of customers' funds, contract restructuring, electronic disbursing and using an Electronic Document Management System. The financial phase of Direct Cite implements electronic payment of invoices through the Facilities Information System (FIS) to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). Key elements of this process include (1) Financial Management's acceptance of funds directly from clients, and (2) building Obligation Authorizations in FIS and approval by Financial Management.

Defense Federal Acquisition

Regulations established mandatory Contract Line Item Number and Sub-line Item Number procedures. Instead of associating accounting data with the contract as a whole, contracting offices must associate accounting data with each line item.

Following the money trail, the EFA Northeast Direct Cite team made a mock-up of a 2276 funding document and traced the funds flow process. Team members included Margie Flanagan, Mike Dunn, Mary Gine Ennis, Debbie Celenza, Patti Carasquillo, Denise Mason, Tina Rivello, Carolyn Madison, and Cmdr. Bob Morro.

Region earns DoD cultural resources award

WASHINGTON, DC—Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic won Navy and DoD Awards for Cultural Resources Management. The awards were presented April 30 and May 1 in Washington.

Employees from both Public Works Center Norfolk and the Atlantic Division were included in the award along with CNRMA personnel.

"This award is the most prestigious award within the armed services, which recognizes efforts to promote the management of cultural resources, including historic buildings, archeological sites, Native American items and sites, curation, and the promotion of the cultural resources conservation ethic," said John W. Ballinger, CNRMA Environmental Outreach Coordinator.

In the photo (left to right) receiving the CNO award are Mike Taylor, Preservations Officer, Hampton Roads Naval Museum; H.T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); Rear Adm. David Architzel, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic; Mike Newbill,



LANTDIV Cultural Resources Program Manager; Bruce Larson, LANTDIV Archaeologist; Cheryl Barnett, Head, Regional Environmental Group, PWC Norfolk; Pam Anderson, LANTDIV Cultural Resources Specialist; Vice Adm. Pete Nanos, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; and Paul Hubbell, Deputy Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), U.S. Marine Corps. (Photo by JOC David W. Crenshaw)

LANTDIV sets Change of Command

LANTDIV HQ—A Change of Command ceremony for the Atlantic Division has been scheduled for the morning of Aug. 9. Rear Admiral Michael K. Loose, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Vice Commander, will relieve Rear Adm. Robert Phillips. Rear Adm. Phillips will become the NAVFAC Vice Commander.

This will not be a change of command for the Second Naval Construction Brigade (NCB) as in the past. In a ceremony at NAB Little Creek later the same day, the Second and Third NCB's will be decommissioned and the First Naval Construction Division will be commissioned.

The First NCD will be the new major command for the Seabees, replacing the two brigades. The commander will be Rear Adm. Chuck Kubic, currently Pacific Division/3NCB Commander. Headquarters for the new Seabee Division will be in the current spaces of the Second NCB at NAB Little Creek in Virginia Beach.

Northeast employees, groups earn FEB honors



EFA NE—The Philadelphia Federal Executive Board, Excellence in Government Awards Luncheon was held May 8. EFA Northeast had four nominations this year: Greg Preston - Supervisory Rookie of the Year; Joe Roche - Supervisor of the Year; Project Santa - Improved Federal Image; and The EFA NE Recruitment Team - Technical Accomplishment. Greg received a silver medal, and all others received Bronze. In the photo are front row L - R: Zully Walsh representing Project Santa, Joe Roche, Thom Snyder who nominated Joe, back row L - R: Greg Preston, and Lucie McDonald representing the Recruitment Team.

Multiple award contracts made to small businesses under 8(a) program

LANTDIV HQ—In December, the A & E and Construction Contracts Branch awarded five 8(a) multiple award indefinite quantity construction contracts (MACC). Each contractor has the potential of obtaining a maximum of \$5 million worth of construction a year for four years for a combined capability of \$100 million using best value source selection procedures. Two of the firms are also HUBZone contractors. Firms receiving the awards are Atlantico, Inc., Yorktown; Sun Bay Contracting, Inc., Virginia Beach; Tesoro Corp., Virginia Beach; THR Enterprises, Inc., Norfolk; and TMS Environcon, Inc., Virginia Beach.

Dave Lamoureux, Renee Comfort, Kim Ribaud, Joe Formato, Jennifer Breeding, Dennis Lewin, Ellen Freihof, Bob Royslance, Jim Gale and John Trueblood played major roles in the award of these contracts. Their efforts were truly innovative as 8(a) MACCs had not been in existence in Hampton Roads prior to this award.

The Branch also awarded a contract in September 2001 to CECI-AC (a Joint Venture) in Las Vegas, Nevada for \$7,995, 272. This contract covered the renovation of housing units, including new finishes, doors, windows, cabinets, plumbing, electrical and incidental work at Stanley Court Family Housing, in Portsmouth, Va. The contract is scheduled for completion in May 2003. The award was made under the competitive 8(a) program using best value source selection procedures.

Reserving this requirement exclusively for businesses in the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program was made possible as a result of a strong commitment to the Small Business Program. The following individuals worked on the award of this contract: Sue Kranes, Renee Comfort, Elizabeth Ward Rolle, Dave Perkins, John Vasiloff, Arlene Foster, Bob Royslance, Sean Sweeney, Rick Hoffman, David Greenfield and Chuck Suter.

High School and College Graduates



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Lauren Pennington Anderson, daughter of Pam P. Anderson, HQ BD3, graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk with honors. While attending Maury High School she was editor-in-chief of the Maury newspaper, a member of National and Spanish Honor Societies and participated in varsity tennis. Lauren will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall.



Mary L. Ballard, daughter of Nancy K. Houlihan, ROICC Yorktown, and the late LTC John C. Houlihan, completed the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts and Management from Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass. She managed the accelerated program with Summa Cum Laude honors and was named outstanding female Leadership Education for Adults graduate. Currently, Mary is Assistant Vice President of Corporate Information Security for State Street Bank and a member of BAM 16.



Sarah Barnes, daughter of Marvin Barnes, HQ Capital Improvements Cost Engineering, graduated with honors from Frank W. Cox High School, Virginia Beach. She was a member of the National Honor Society, editor on the yearbook staff and devoted many hours to tutoring elementary school students in her community. Sarah was chosen as a Nestles USA "Very Best in Youth" national award recipient based on her academic record and community service. She plans to pursue a career in deaf education and will be attending Western Maryland College in the fall.



Ryan Nicholas Barraco, son of Jerrie Barraco, HQ Budget, and nephew of Phyllis Hopkins, ROICC NNSY, graduated from Virginia Tech in May. Ryan obtained a double degree in Biology and Economics and a minor in Psychology. He is working for the Food & Drug Administration in Rockville, Md.



Ryan Campbell, son of Jim Campbell, EFANE Delaware Valley IPT Engineering Group leader and supervisory architect, graduated from Haddonfield Memorial High School, Haddonfield, N.J. where he was an All-American high school swimmer. Ryan will be attending Rutgers University in September on a swimming scholarship and plans to major in the Visual Arts.



Karen Christian, a program analyst in HQ Capital Improvements, graduated with a GPA of 3.8 from Saint Leo University. She received a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems.



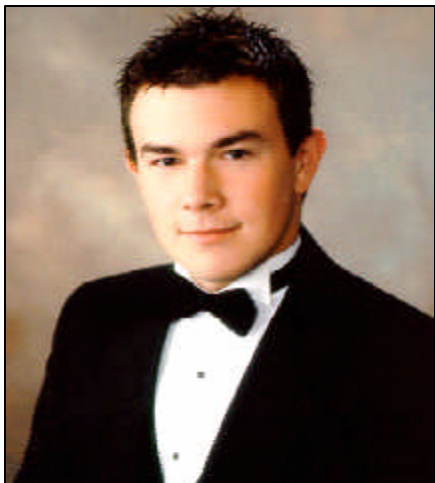
Kristen M. Gallaher, daughter of Ed Gallaher, HQ Specifications Branch, graduated with a GPA of 4.66 from Hickory High School. Kristen was the editor-in-chief of the yearbook, president of Tri-Hi-Y, treasurer of the Chemistry Club and involved in both the Spanish National Honor Society and National Honor Society. She will attend Shenandoah University pursuing a degree in Pharmacy.



Lori S. Harris, fire protection engineer for HQ Capitol Improvements, HQ MWR chairman and alumni of the NCAA basketball champion, Maryland Terrapins, has received a master's degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.



Melissa Hiddemen, daughter of Cynthia L. Hiddemen, HQ Hampton Roads IPT, graduated from Princess Ann High School in Virginia Beach. Melissa was an active participant in orchestra, German Club and the German Honor Society. She plans to attend Old Dominion University for Registered Nursing.



Hunter James Dunlo, son of Cyndi, HQ Cost & Value Engineering, and Jim Dunlo, graduated with honors from Great Bridge High School, Chesapeake. Hunter lettered in varsity swimming, was SCA Treasurer, member of the Key Club and Dignity-Hi-Y, and participated in Virginia Boys State and the Virginia Model General Assembly. He will attend James Madison University.



Valerie Regina Gaines, daughter of Robert, HQ NATO Program Mgmt. Architect, and Regina Gaines, graduated with honors from the University of Florida, with a bachelor's degree in Advertising with a minor in Business Administration. A member of the University Ad Society, she received the College of Journalism and Communication Gov. R.H. Gore Scholarship and was a Bank of America Joe Martin Scholar. Valerie worked for two summers in HQ Environmental as a translator and office assistant. She will attend graduate school at the University of Florida Warrington College of Business, pursuing a master's degree in International Business Administration.



Natalie Faye Gaines, daughter of Robert, HQ NATO Program Mgmt. Architect, and Regina Gaines, graduated from Frank W. Cox High School, Virginia Beach. A member of the Junior Varsity Soccer team for two years as well as the Junior Varsity Basketball team, Natalie earned school letters in each along with an academic letter. She was a cartoonist for the school newspaper, was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students four consecutive years and won the Washington, D.C. 2001 Hispanic Designer's Inc. Model Search. Natalie will attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall.



Joshua D. Horner, son of Wendy, HQ Budget, and Dave Horner, PWC, graduated from Granby High School where he lettered in football, wrestling and soccer. He also plays softball for his church and the LANTDIV PM team. Josh will attend Old Dominion University to pursue a degree in Sports Management.



Stephanie P. Holton, daughter of Deborah Senchak, Division Operations, graduated from Frank W. Cox High School, Virginia Beach. She is an avid surfer, active in church youth group and Habitat for Humanity. She will attend Emory and Henry College in the fall.



Heidi Irene Kuntzleman, daughter of Nancy, EFANE / biologist / Environmental Department, and Ronald Kuntzleman, graduated from Schuylkill Valley High School, Leesport, Pa., where she was a member of the band front and National Honor Society. This fall Heidi will pursue a degree in Art History at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa.



Brad Leipert, son of Mark Leipert, geologist at EFANE, graduated from Overbrook Senior High School in Pine Hill, N.J. Brad was an active member of Youth & Government, Model United Nations, Academic Challenge and National Honor Society. He will be attending Rutgers University in the fall, where he will pursue a degree in Computer Science.



Brett M. Lewin, son of Kelly, HQ Budget, and Dennis Lewin, REICC Curacao, graduated from Churchland High School in Portsmouth, Va. with honors. While at Churchland, Brett attended the Governor's School Summer Residential Program, was a Superintendent's Scholar in both Mathematics and Science, played JV and Varsity Baseball and Golf, and was a multiple year member of the Virginian-Pilot Scholastic Team and National Honor Society. He will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.



Holly Ann Martin, daughter of Mary L. Labelle, Programs & Project Management for Capital Improvements, graduated from Bayside High School in Virginia Beach. She plans to pursue a career in child-care development.



Emily Thomas, daughter of Larry Thomas, HQ Financial Systems Division, graduated from James Madison University with a bachelor's degree in Media Arts and Design with majors in Corporate Communications and Public Relations. She was president of the International Association of Business Communicators as well as the LANTDIV Public Affairs summer intern for the past two summers. Emily will be working for Levick Strategic Communications in Washington, D.C.



Ryan B. Thomas, son of Larry Thomas, HQ Financial Systems Division, graduated from James Madison University with a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems. Ryan will be working in the Richmond office of KPMG.



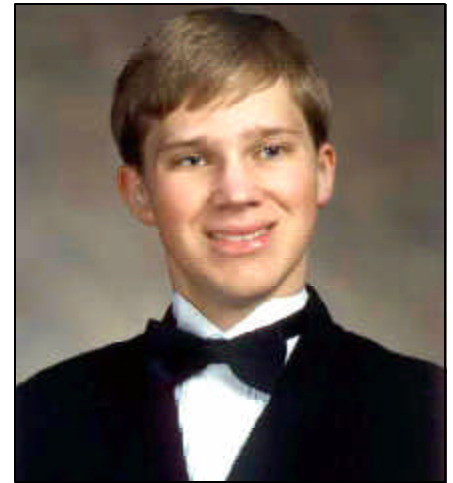
Scott James Tinari, son of Ralph F. Tinari, supervisory general engineer ROICC New Jersey, graduated from Raritan High School, Hazlet, N.J. Scott was a member of the National Honor Society and a volunteer for the Youth soccer development/training and nursing home. He was varsity soccer team captain for fall 2001, selected for the Soccer Division and Monmouth County 1st team and the Central New Jersey 3rd State team, in addition to the men's soccer team for nationally ranked Division III Rowan University. Scott also received several other soccer awards. He will attend Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J. majoring in Accounting and Business.



Rachel Allison Peters, daughter of John Peters, PAO, graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education Teacher Education. She held several offices in Alpha Phi Omega, was a member of the WVU Equestrian Team, and an MDA Camp counselor. She will attend graduate school majoring in Special Education.



John Parks Reuther, son of John Reuther, HQ Base Development, and Lori Reuther, HQ Environmental, graduated from Hickory High School, Chesapeake. John will be attending James Madison University this fall, majoring in Science.



Benjamin Root, son of Jim Root, New England IPT leader at EFANE. Benjamin graduated from Moorestown High School in Moorestown, N.J. He will attend Penn State University in the fall, majoring in Meteorology.



Adrian Vega, son of Elmer and Sondra Vega, HQ AQ, graduated from Hickory High School in Chesapeake. Adrian reached a high point his senior year when he was chosen to guide the "Hawks" as their quarterback. In doing so, he was able to set and break various school records in passing yards and touchdowns. He will be attending a local college with hopes of continuing his football and baseball career.

NJROTC Cadet of the Year

Jocelyn Marie Lowe is the NJROTC Cadet of the Year for 2001 at Manchester High School. Jocelyn, a high school junior, is the daughter of Lt. Cmdr. Scott Lowe, ROICC New Jersey, and his wife Marita. She is in her third year with the ROTC, holding the rank of Cadet Lt. Cmdr. as well as serving as the executive officer of the Manchester NJROTC Battalion. She has achieved numerous NJROTC milestones, including the successful completion of the demanding NJROTC Leadership Academy as well as Sail Training. Her chief goal in her blossoming Navy career is to enlist in the Naval service and progress to at least one rank higher than her father. A tradition that started with the retirement of Lt. J.g. John K. Lowe,



USN (ret), progressing to Lt. Scott F. Lowe, CEC, USN (ret) and presently with her father.

Parting Shots



CLEAN THE BAY DAY—Intern Architect Lt. Jg. Joel McMillan and his son, Jacob, above left, helped pick up trash along Pretty Lake in Norfolk June 1 with several other LANTDIV employees, friends and family members, including Jim Bailey and his daughter Kelani, above right.



WELCOME BACK GARY—OICC Naples recognized Gary Damaschi with a cash award for his great work while on European vacation. Presenting the award is EFA NE Operations Officer, Cmdr. Bob Morro.



ADMIN EMPLOYEE—During a visit to ROICC Keflavik, Vice Commander Capt. Mike Conaway presented Janet Bustonera with the HQ. Administrative Employee of the Year award.